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REMARKS

Applicant added new claims 2-5 to provoke an interference with U.S. Patent Application No. 10/404,515 (Publication No. 2003/0187454) to Gill et al. under 37 C.F.R. § 1.604; and added new claims 6-9 to provoke an interference with U.S. Patent Application No. 10/644,252 (Publication No. 2004/0097928) to Zdeblick et al. Claims 2-5 are supported by the specification at least on page 16 at lines 14-29, and Figs. 4c and 4d; and claims 6-9 are supposed by the specification at least on page 8, line 25 to page 9, line 3; page 12, lines 18-23; and Fig. 4A

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1068.

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